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1. HEREWITH FULL TEXT ARTICLE PATRICK BUCHANAN OP-ED  
COLUMN, TUESDAY, MARCH 4, BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN, HEADED:  
KISSINGER NOW PAYING THE PRICE.

2. WASHINGTON-IF THERE IS ONE THING THIS CITY ENJOYS MORE  
THAN WORSHIPPING IDOLS, IT IS SMASHING THEM. THE BUILDING  
UP AND TEARING DOWN OF REPUTATIONS IS A COTTAGE INDUSTRY IN  
WASHINGTON. AND THE NEXT IDOL SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION  
APPEARS TO BE THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

3. THE SALAD DAYS ARE OVER FOR HENRY KISSINGER IN THE  
CAPITAL. CONGRESS, AFTER YEARS OF HOMAGE, IS SYSTEMATICAL-  
LY ATTACKING HIS APPOINTMENTS, POLICIES AND PERFORMANCE, AN  
UNMISTAKABLE SIGN OF POLITICAL VULNERABILITY. HIS CHARACTER  
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AND MOTIVES ARE BEING IMPUGNED IN THE PRESS AND ON THE

TALK SHOWS. AND--ULTIMATE INDIGNITY--EVEN THE INDIAN AM-  
BASSADOR, T.N. KAUL, ONE OF THE LEAST SUFFERABLE AND LEAST  
SIGNIFICANT FIGURES IN THIS CITY, FEELS FREE TO MAKE INSULTS  
ABOUT THE CREDIBILITY OF THE UNITED STATES AND, BY EXTENSION,  
THAT OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

4. IN ONE SENSE, HENRY KISSINGER IS SLEEPING IN A BED  
OF HIS OWN MAKING. DURING THE NIXON YEARS, HE  
AVIDLY COURTED THE GEORGETOWN-MEDIA SET, LETTING THEM  
BELIEVE HE WAS THE QUOTE SECRET GOOD GUY UNQUOTE OF THE  
WHITE HOUSE, THE DOVE WHO WAS THEIR LAST BEST HOPE AGAINST  
THE HAWKS OF NIXON'S WEST WING. THE ARRANGEMENT WORKED  
MARVELOUSLY FOR BOTH. HENRY AND THE PRESIDENT. THE  
WHITE HOUSE HAD AN AMBASSADOR IN GEORGETOWN; GEORGETOWN  
THOUGHT HE WAS THEIR AMBASSADOR IN THE WHITE HOUSE.  
KISSINGER GOT A MAGNIFICENT PRESS; AND THE PRESIDENT HAD  
A MAN WHO COULD CREDIBLY EXPLAIN AND DEFEND U.S. POLICY  
IN AN INFLUENTIAL COMMUNITY INSTINCTIVELY HOSTILE TO ANY-  
THING BEARING THE TRADE-MARK NIXON.

5. A BITTER PARTING OF THE WAYS HAD TO COME; HENRY IS  
TODAY PAYING THE PRICE OF THE DISILLUSIONMENT OF HIS  
FORMER IDOLATERS. THEY DID NOT MIND AT ALL THAT HENRY  
MIGHT BE DECEIVING HANOI OR SAIGON; THEY COULD NOT BEAR  
THE THOUGHT THAT HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN DUPING THEM.

6. IT WAS GREAT WHILE IT LASTED. FOR YEARS, HENRY  
KISSINGER WAS FAWNED UPON BY OFFICIAL WASHINGTON AS NO  
OTHER IN MEMORY. INDEED, WHEN WATERGATE BROKE AND THE  
NIXON WHITE HOUSE WAS DECLARED A FREE FIRE ZONE, HENRY  
WAS GIVEN A SAFE CONDUCT PASS THROUGH THE LINES. AS ONE  
PILLAR OF THE LOCAL ESTABLISHMENT WAS QUOTED, BEFORE THE  
CARNAGE ENSUES, ABOVE ALL, QUOTE WE MUST SAVE HENRY UN-  
QUOTE. SAVE HENRY THEY DID.

7. STATEMENTS BY THE SECRETARY, RELATING TO WIRETAPS,  
WHICH APPEARED TO CONTRADICT THE RECORD WERE QUICKLY  
PASSED OVER BY A COMMUNITY WHICH WOULD HAVE DEMANDED A  
BENCH WARRANT FOR THE ARREST OF A HALDEMAN OR COLSON.  
THE CELEBRATED DOUBLE STANDARD OF THE ELITE WAS NEVER MORE  
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IN EVIDENCE THAN DURING THE WATERGATE MONTHS. IT REMAINS  
SO TODAY.

8. FOR MONTHS ON END, FORMER PRESS SECRETARY BILL MOYERS  
HAS BEEN COLLECTING RAVE REVIEWS AND AWARDS FOR SERMON-  
IZING ENDLESSLY ON THE HORRID WATERGATE MENTALITY OF NIXON'S  
WHITE HOUSE. YET, THERE HAS BEEN A STUDIED SILENCE IN THIS  
TOWN FOR THE LAST 10 DAYS SINCE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT

REVEALED THAT WHEN LYNDON JOHNSON WANTED TO TURN THE DOGS LOOSE ON SENATOR GOLDWATER'S STAFF, THE MAN HE CHOSE AS CONFIDENTIAL GO-BETWEEN WITH THE FBI WAS NONE OTHER THAN PREACHER BILL. LBJ KNEW HIS MAN. ONE CANNOT SUPPRESS A CHUCKLE AT ALL THAT WASTED SANCTIMONY; AND (WORD ILLEGIBLE) PIETIES REMIND US AGAIN OF THE WISDOM OF THE LORD'S PARABLE ABOUT THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN WHO WENT TOGETHER TO

PRAY.

9. BUT THE REFINED HYPOCRISY OF WASHINGTON IS OF LESS SIGNIFICANCE THAN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN CAMBODIA AND WHAT MAY YET HAPPEN IN SOUTH VIETNAM AND THE MIDDLE EAST.

10. AND WHETHER DR. KISSINGER IS VAIN, OR WHETHER IS A MARTINET TO HIS STAFF, OR EVEN WHETHER HE SHADED THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS ROLE IN SOME NASTY WIRE-TAPPING EPISODE FIVE YEARS AGO, IS OF INFINITELY LESS IMPORTANCE THAN THAT HE IS CURRENTLY THE VESSEL CARRYING WHAT IS LEFT OF THE RATIONAL WORLD'S HOPES FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

11. WHATEVER HIS FAULTS, HENRY KISSINGER REMAINS A BRILLIANT ADVOCATE OF U.S. POLICY, ONE OF THE MOST ABLE DIPLOMATS THIS NATION HAS PRODUCED, A MAN OF GREAT STAMINA AND CONSIDERABLE COURAGE.

12. TRUE, AS GENERAL DE GAULLE IS SAID TO HAVE OBSERVED, THE GRAVEYARDS ARE FULL OF INDISPENSABLE MEN. BUT, STILL, HENRY KISSINGER COMES CLOSEST TO FITTING THAT DESCRIPTION OF ANY MAN IN THIS CITY.

13. UNLIKE HIS PREDECESSOR, DEAN RUSK, WHO GAVE THE NATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AN EXAMPLE OF HOW A PUBLIC SERVANT SHOULD COMPORT HIMSELF IN THE FACT OF SAVAGE ASSAULT, HENRY KISSINGER DOES NOT ACCEPT PERSONAL CRITICISM AT ALL WELL. THERE EXISTS THE POSSIBILITY THAT HIS ENEMIES, AND HIS EX-FRIENDS, CAN, IF THEY TURN UP THE HEAT HIGH ENOUGH, QUITE LITERALLY DRIVE HIM OUT OF THE KITCHEN. AND, RIGHT NOW, THAT WOULD BE TRAGIC. INGERSOLL

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